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For	: METHOD OF IMPARTING DROUGHT RESISTANCE TO PLANTS	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Box: Missing Parts**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph and replace with the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/597,840, filed June 20, 2000, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/013,587, filed January 26, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,277,814, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/036,048, filed January 27, 1997.